

CHARTER
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS

1. Committee's Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Naval Academy Board of Visitors (hereafter referred to as "the Board").
2. Authority: The Secretary of Defense, under the provision of 10 U.S.C. § 6968, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix) and 41 CFR § 102-3.50(a), established the Board.
3. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Board shall provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the United States Naval Academy, as set out in (4) and (5) below.
4. Description of Duties: The Board shall provide independent advice and recommendations to the President of the United States on matters relating to but not limited to morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods and other matters relating to the United States Naval Academy that the Board decides to consider.

The Board shall visit the Naval Academy annually, and any other official visits by the Board or its members to the Academy, other than the annual visit, shall be made in compliance with the requirements set forth in Title 10, United States Code, Section 6968(d).

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Board shall submit a written report to the President of the United States within 60 days after its annual visit to the Naval Academy, to include the Board's views and recommendations pertaining to the Academy, including its advice and recommendations on matters set forth in (4) above. Any report of a visit, other than an annual visit, must be made pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 6968(f).

The Secretary of the Navy may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.

6. Support: The Department of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy and the United States Naval Academy, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirement of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b).
7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs, meetings and contract support is \$21,000.00. The estimated annual personnel cost to the Department of Defense is 0.2 full-time equivalent (FTE).

8. Designated Federal Officer: The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with governing DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all Board and subcommittee meetings; however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, an Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the Board or subcommittee meeting.
9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Board shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Board's Chairperson. The estimated number of Board meetings is four per year.
10. Duration: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however this charter is subject to renewal every two years.
11. Termination: The Board shall terminate upon completion of its mission or 2 years from the date this charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless extended by the Secretary of Defense.
12. Membership and Designation: The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 6968(a), shall be constituted annually and shall be composed of no more than fifteen members. The Board membership shall include:
 - a. The chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or his designee;
 - b. Three other members of the Senate designated by the Vice President or the President pro tempore of the Senate, two of whom are members of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
 - c. The chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or his designee;
 - d. Four other members of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom are members of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and
 - e. Six persons designated by the President.

Board members designated by the President shall serve for three years each, except that any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed. In addition, the President shall designate two persons each year to succeed the members whose terms expire that year. If a Board member dies or resigns, a successor shall be designated for the unexpired portion of the term by the official who designated the member.

The Board members shall select the Board's Chairperson from the total membership.

With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, Board members shall serve without compensation.

The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 6968(g) and (h), may upon approval by the Secretary of the Navy, call in advisers for consultation, and these advisers shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.

13. Subcommittees: With DoD approval, the Board is authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission. These subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b), and other governing Federal statutes and regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Board members.

Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense according to governing DoD policy and procedures. Such individuals shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and shall serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed on an annual basis.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Board and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Record Schedule 26 and governing Department of Defense policies and procedures unless the Presidential Records Act is determined to apply. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552).

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